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For: BASEL FINGER JOINT IMPLANT

**This application is a continuation of U. S. Serial No: 09/960,624 filed September 21, 2001**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: